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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Peter Brunovskis
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 1632
Application No.: 09/090,672)
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Filed: June 4, 1998)
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For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED)
GENES : May 2, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants, having previously petitioned to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000 to April 5, 2001, hereby petition for a further extension of time up to May 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$280.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.


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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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